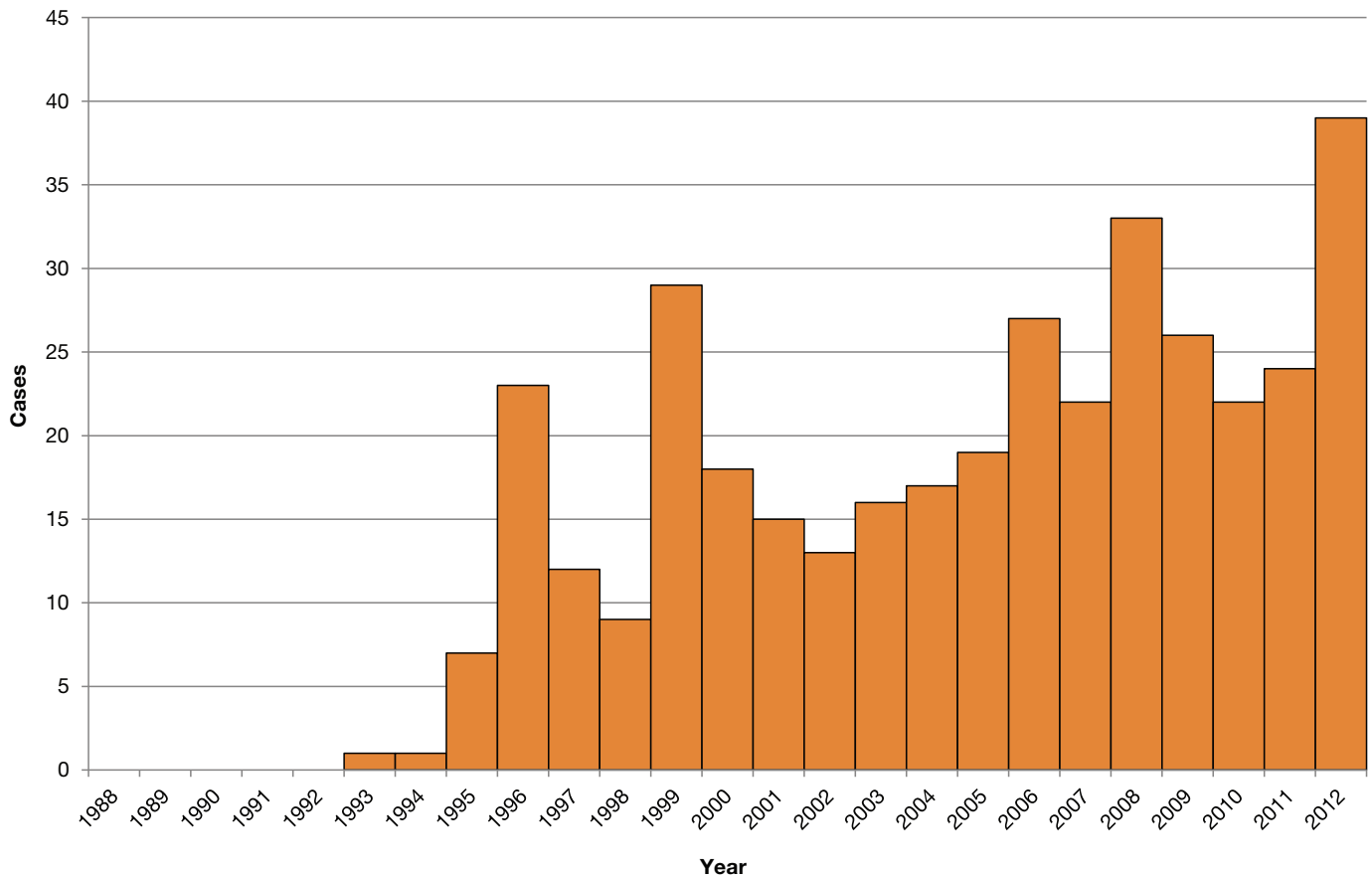


Acute hepatitis C

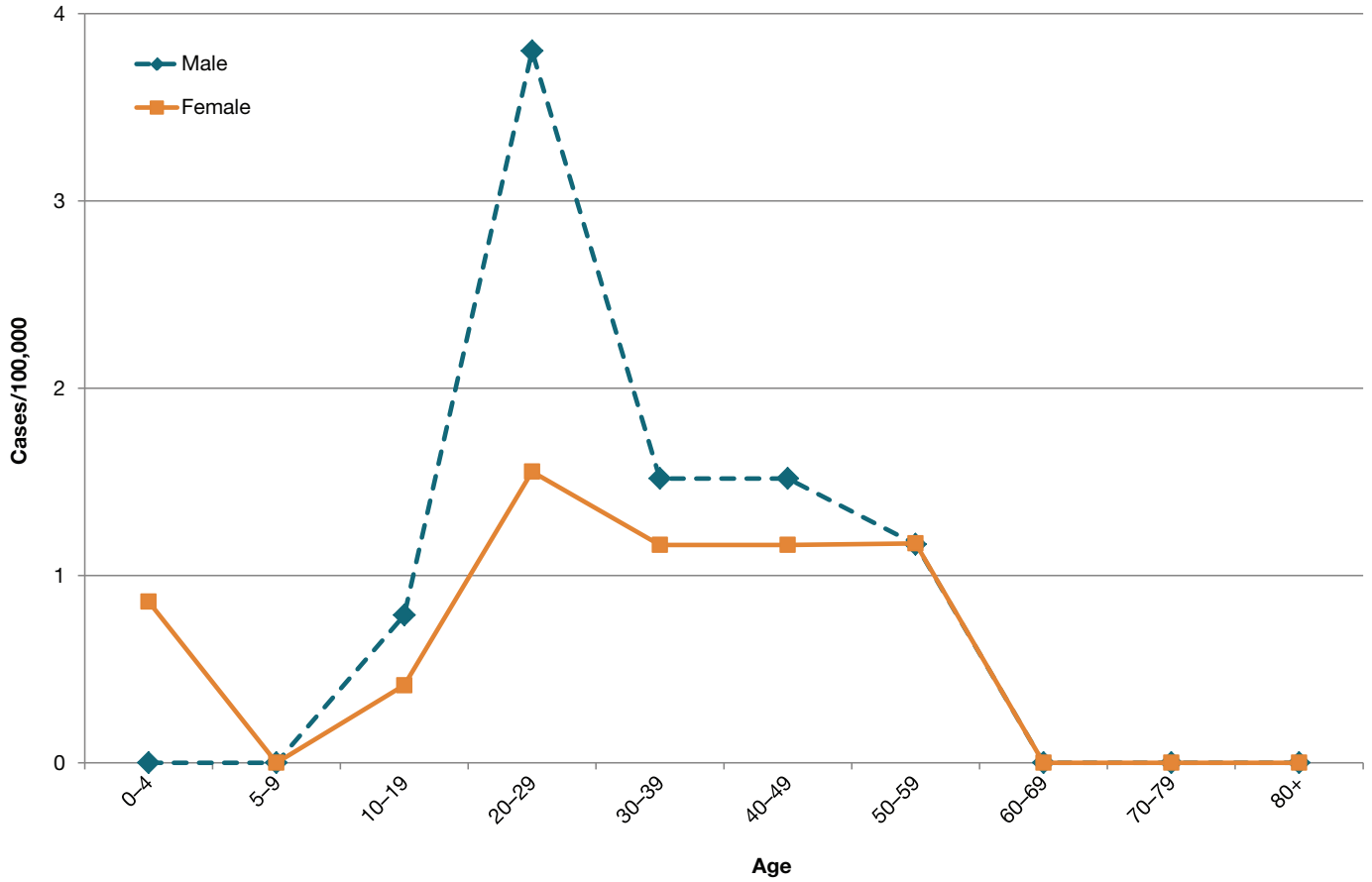
On average during 2001–2012, there were 22 acute hepatitis C cases reported annually in Oregon. In 2012, 39 cases were reported; 26 (67%) of the cases were <40 years of age,

and 15 (38%) were female. Injection drug use remains the predominant risk factor reported by cases (59%). Currently there is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

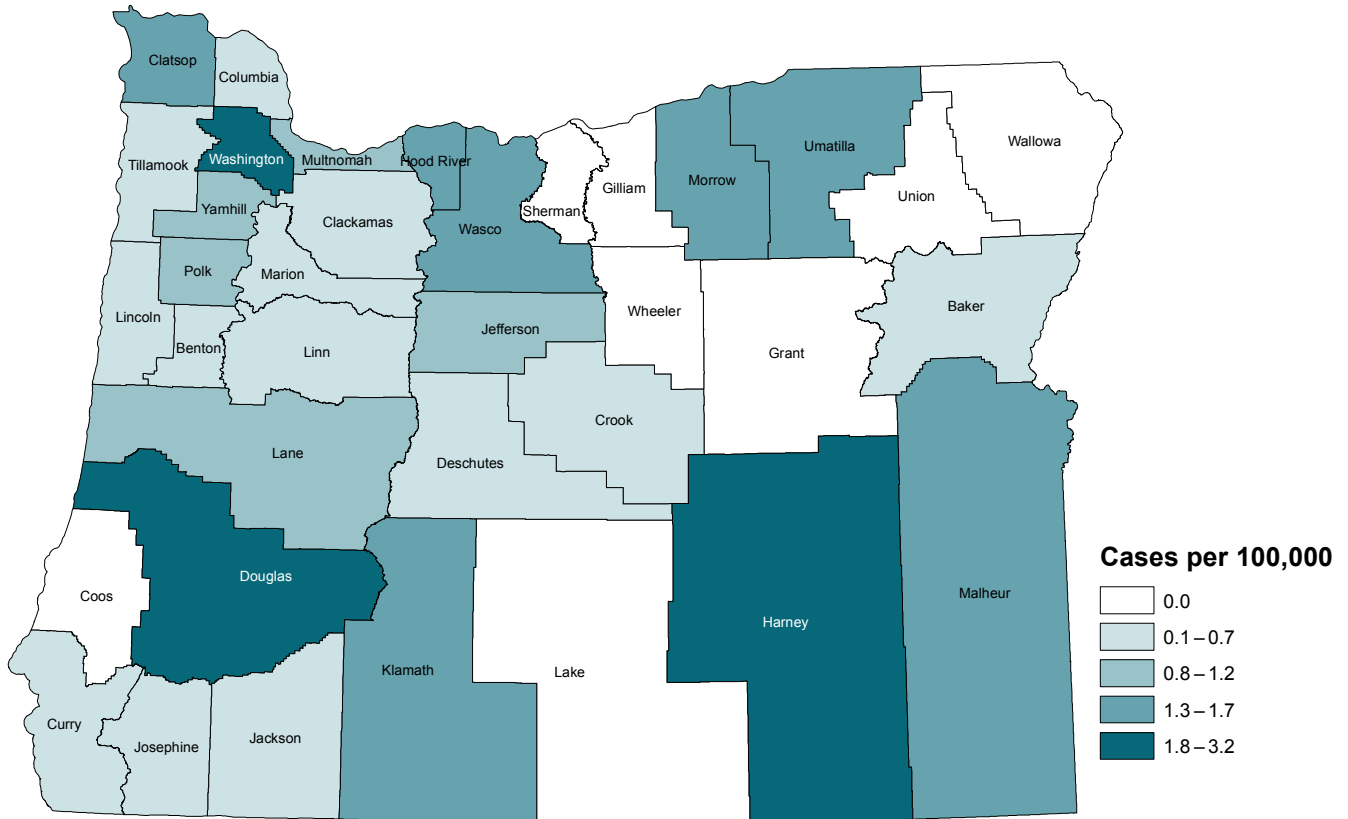
Acute hepatitis C by year: Oregon, 1988–2012



Acute hepatitis C by age and sex: Oregon, 2012



Incidence of acute hepatitis C by county of residence: Oregon, 2003–2012



Prevention

- Health care workers: use universal precautions and best practices to prevent needle stick injuries.
- Persons who inject drugs can:
 - Avoid sharing needles or works with others.
 - Use only clean needles and works.
 - Purchase new sterile needles from pharmacies.